

is apparently quite well for the first ten weeks of post-natal life; then vomiting takes place, accompanied by extreme loss of weight and constipation. The vomiting is characteristic, being projectile. Examination after food reveals marked peristalsis from left to right of the abdomen above the umbilicus.

Medical treatment consists of washing out the stomach with sodii bi-carb. to reduce the gastritis. The treatment is long and unsatisfactory, the mortality being high, only 13 per cent. cases recover. The surgical treatment consists of gastro-enterostomy (29 per cent cases recover), or of Ramstedt's operation, in which the muscular coat of the pylorus is divided from the top of the lesser curvature, allowing the mucous membrane to bulge, so enlarging the pyloric orifice. The success of the operation depends on the after treatment which is left in the hands of the physician; 46 per cent. cases recover.

Cyclical or recurrent vomiting is peculiar to children belonging to neurotic families. It can easily be detected by the smell of acetone. The treatment consists of large doses of sodii bi-carb. to restore the alkaline properties of the blood, and glucose, to assist in breaking down fats. Children of this type have difficulty in digesting fat and need a starch diet. They are prone to asthma and nervous affections.

Acute pyelitis. The onset is sudden. There may be a rigor accompanying the rapid rise of temperature. The urine reaction is acid. The treatment consists of daily doses of citrate of potash varying from grs. 60-100, as the bacillus coli cannot thrive in alkaline urine.

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## CONFERENCE ON INSURANCE.

The Annual Conference of the Faculty of Insurance, Ltd., of 4 and 5, Sicilian House, Sicilian Avenue, Southampton Row, W.C.1, to which delegates are invited from insurance committees, hospitals, approved societies, employment exchanges, trade unions, and other organisations, will be held on Saturday, March 11th, at the Central Hall, Westminster, the Morning Session at 10.45 a.m., and the Afternoon Session at 2.15 p.m. The following speakers will address the Conference: The Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow (Chairman of the Hospitals Committee), on "Assistance to Voluntary Hospitals"; The Countess of March, C.B.E. (Hon. Secretary, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses), on "The Nursing of Insured Persons"; Mr. G. W. Canter, F.F.I. (Secretary Post Office Employees' Approved Society), on "Additional Benefits in Kind"; and Mr. Stanley L. Duff, F.F.I. (Secretary, The Ancient Order of Foresters), on "Current National Health Problems." Other speakers will be Sir Thomas Neill, J.P., the Right Hon. John Hodge, M.P., Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., Mr. W. A. Appleton, C.B.E., Mr. P. Rockliff, and others.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**Convalescent Home for Mothers and Children, Shotley House, Shotley Bridge, co. Durham.**—Miss Margaret Lacy has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool, and served with the British Red Cross in France during the late war. She acted as Holiday Sister at Manchester Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, from January to August, 1919, when she took her midwifery training at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester. She was subsequently Night Sister at West Norwood Maternity Home and Sister at the Wandsworth Maternity Home, London.

**Wooley Sanatorium, Northumberland.**—Miss Edith Mackenzie has been appointed Matron under the Northumberland County Council. She was trained at the Southwark Infirmary, East Dulwich, and has been Sister at Monsall Fever Hospital, and Sheffield Union Hospital, and Night Superintendent at Tolworth Isolation Hospital, at Belvidere Hospital, Glasgow, and at the Birmingham City Sanatorium. In the latter post she also held the position of Home Sister. She has been Home Sister at Walker Gate Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Matron of the Lynwood Hostel in the same city. She has also had experience of war nursing as Matron of the Wounded Allies' Committee's Hospital, Krajegevatz, Serbia.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich.**—Miss V. A. Rutter has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the same hospital, and subsequently did private nursing, and held the positions of Ward and Theatre Sister there. During the war she served for five years, at home and abroad, as Sister, Assistant Matron, and Acting Matron on a hospital ship in connection with the Territorial Force Nursing Service, and was awarded the Royal Red Cross, Second Class, for her services. She has recently held the position of Sister-Tutor at her training school.

**Aberdeen Royal Mental Hospital.**—Miss Morag Maclean Steven has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, and has been Charge Nurse at the Brook Hospital, Shooters' Hill, Sister with the French Flag Nursing Corps under the French War Office, Private Nurse, Park Nursing Home, Glasgow, Sister at the Scottish Women's Hospital, Royaumont, France, and Sister in connection with the School Nursing Service, Glasgow.

### NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

**Aberdeen Sick Children's Hospital.**—Miss Nellie Lawson Davidson has been appointed Night Superintendent. She received her general training at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, and previously had three years' fever training at the Belvidere Fever Hospital, Glasgow.

### SISTER.

**Milton Hospital, Milton, Portsmouth.**—Miss Elizabeth Bradshaw has been appointed Sister of the Scarlet Fever Ward. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, and at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Skipton, Yorkshire. She has been Ward Sister at the Ham Green Hospital, near Bristol, and at the Welsh Metropolitan War Hospital, Cardiff, and did War Service in France in connection with Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve. For nearly three years she has been a member of the staff of the Registered Nurses' Society, 431, Oxford Street, W.

**Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, Carshalton.**—Miss Dora Jane Dudeney has been appointed Sister.

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